

Application No.: 09/745,386  
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**APPENDIX - MARKED-UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES TO CLAIMS**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

5           Please amend Claim 24 as follows:

24.       (Amended) The holder of claim 1, wherein the lengths of flexible material each axially extend [extending] in second segments along two adjacent commissure posts and attach to a rigid structure that abuts the annular sewing ring at the inflow end of the valve, wherein the second segments of two adjacent lengths of flexible material cross over a second time along the  
10   common commissure post prior to attaching to the structure.